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## **ASSEMBLYMAN MARK LENO ISSUES STATEMENT ON CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT RULING TO HALT GAY MARRIAGES IN SAN FRANCISCO**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Assemblyman Mark Leno, the Chair of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Legislative Caucus and author of AB 1967, a bill that will prohibit the denial of marriage licenses by the State of California to gay and lesbian couples issued the following statement on today's California Supreme Court ruling:

"Given that the four state supreme courts which have considered the constitutionality of denying marriage licenses to same sex couples have taken the position of San Francisco, I am optimistic that California's Supreme Court will ultimately arrive at the same conclusion," said Assemblyman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) "I am pleased that our state's supreme court did not nullify the thousands of marriages performed by the city of San Francisco as the Attorney General had requested."

"I remain convinced that the love and commitment demonstrated by 3,700 loving, committed -- and now married -- lesbian and gay couples will win the approval of our courts and the minds and hearts of Americans," continued Leno.

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